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### BOOK REVIEWS.

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**A Treatise on the Law of Homicide**—By the Editorial Staff of the Michie Company, under the supervision of Thomas Johnson Michie. In two volumes. The Michie Company, Law Publishers Charlottesville, Va. 1914. Price \$13.50, delivered.

One would have imagined that the last word on Homicide had long since been said. But one who examines these two volumes will change the expression and say that the last word on Homicide has now been said, up to date; for these two volumes, arranged in the encyclopedic method which the staff of the Michie Company may almost be said to have invented, bring the law on this important subject up to the very latest decisions. It combines the features of a text-book, digest and encyclopedia, and presents briefly but amply enough the facts in each case upon which the law is based. The arrangement is admirable; the text states the law, the note with reference to cases cited enable the searcher to find case and volume and page to support the text.

The title of the volume is hardly full enough to explain the wide scope of the work; for not a phase bearing upon the subject is left untouched. Evidence, Trial, Instructions, Verdict, New Trial, Appeal and Error, Sentence and Punishment are all given full and thorough treatment, and the index leaves nothing to be desired. We commend it most heartily to every attorney for the Commonwealth, and those of the profession who may desire to have the latest and best work on this subject.

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**The Lawyer's Reports Annotated**.—New Series, Book 48. Burdette A. Rich, Henry P. Farnham, Editors. 1914. Rochester, New York. The Lawyers' Cooperative Publishing Company. 1914. Price \$5.00.

As usual we found immediate use for this volume, being at the time of its receipt busily engaged in preparing a brief upon an important subject. We turned to the index and in ten minutes had all the law which we desired on the subject, and this is not the first time that this state of affairs has occurred. Two very valuable notes—one on page 1037, "Treatment of Overhead Charges in Public Service Property Valuations," and "Treatment of Franchises, Water Rights and Miscellaneous Intangibles in Public Service Property Valuations" are timely and able treatises upon live subjects, as is also the note on page 1092 as to "Treatment of Going Concern Value in Public Service Property Valuations," which taken in connection with the note to the celebrated Minnesota Rate Cases "Valuation of Public Utility Lands," practically amounts to a treatise on this subject. We are somewhat surprised to find how many decisions have been given upon the question of the validity and enforceability of subscriptions for charity. The note on page 783 is a very full one on this subject.